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PROCEEDINGS

THE CLERK: The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is now in session, the Honorable Robert S. Lasnik presiding.

THE COURT: Good morning.

Thank you. Please be seated.

THE CLERK: We are here on the matter of the United States versus Paige Thompson, cause number CR19-159, assigned to this Court.

If counsel could please rise and make their appearances for the record.

MR. FRIEDMAN: Good morning, Your Honor.

Andrew Friedman and Tania Culbertson for the United States; and Nicole Speckhals is here for the probation office.

THE COURT: Hi, Mr. Friedman, Ms. Culbertson, and Officer Speckhals.

MS. TENNEY: Good morning, Your Honor.

Nancy Tenney for Paige Thompson.

THE COURT: Hi, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Tenney.

Okay. We have a violation report indicating that Ms. Thompson didn't comply with the requirements for computer monitoring, that she accessed a computer without getting the proper monitoring equipment installed, that she obtained some employment without giving notice to probation, and that she

1 still hasn't made any progress on paying restitution, so I
2 wanted to do sort of a status conference on that.

3 And, Ms. Tenney, is there any change in the status quo
4 here?

10:01:23 5 MS. TENNEY: There is not, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. And, Mr. Friedman, do you want to
7 pursue these as violations and have Ms. Thompson arraigned on
8 them or do you...

9 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, I guess I hadn't talked
10:01:45 10 about that possibility -- the possibility of not doing that with
11 the probation office. They filed these -- they filed them
12 before they actually spoke to us.

13 THE COURT: Sure.

14 MR. FRIEDMAN: So I presume they do, and so we do, and
10:01:53 15 so I think that's probably the appropriate process.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Let's go ahead; let's proceed in
17 that way.

18 Go ahead.

19 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, Ms. Thompson is charged
10:02:01 20 with three violations of the terms of her supervision. The
21 Court just outlined them, but the first is failing to comply
22 with the requirements of computer monitoring by accessing a
23 computer without having computer-monitoring software on it;
24 second is failing to notify the probation office of the change
10:02:17 25 in her employment status; and the third is failing to pay

1 restitution.

2 Ms. Thompson is on -- not on supervision. There's no
3 supervision on Count 1. She is on probation. And because it's
4 a probation sentence, the maximums are actually -- what the
10:02:32 5 Court is doing is resentencing for the original offense. So the
6 maximum penalty is a term of five years' imprisonment on each of
7 Counts 2, 4, and 5; a one-year term of imprisonment on each of
8 Counts 6 and 7; a ten-year term of imprisonment on Count 8. And
9 there is a three-year term of supervision on four of those
10:02:50 10 counts; that is, Counts 2, 4, 5, and 8, and up to a one-year
11 term of supervision on Counts 6 and 7.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And, Ms. Tenney, does Ms. Thompson
13 at the present time just simply deny that those occurred?

14 MS. TENNEY: She is not contesting that the
10:03:10 15 allegations are accurate. Of course, she does have some
16 explanation regarding them, but...

17 THE COURT: But do you want to proceed to sort of the
18 disposition on them and have Ms. Thompson admit, or do you want
19 to set it for, you know, like September 7th or so and give some
10:03:33 20 time to...

21 MS. TENNEY: I think that would be more productive,
22 Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Let's set it for September 7th at?

24 THE CLERK: 10:30?

10:03:46 25 THE COURT: How about 9:30?

1 THE CLERK: Okay, 9:30.

2 THE COURT: And I'll still make it upstairs for the
3 10:00.

4 So September 7th at 9:30 in the morning, okay?

10:03:59

5 All right. And let me just talk to Ms. Thompson on the
6 record for a second.

7 Hacker convention this past weekend or next weekend?

8 THE DEFENDANT: It's current. Maxine, my girlfriend,
9 is actually in Las Vegas until Monday.

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10 THE COURT: Okay. It's happening now.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Correct.

12 THE COURT: Yeah. And, you know, obviously, I didn't
13 let you go. And I'm trying to impress upon you the difference
14 between when you were on pretrial and had not been found guilty
15 to when you're on probation having been found guilty.

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16 And I know that, like you say, how am I supposed to get a
17 job if I'm not using a computer to access potential jobs. I get
18 that. And there's a way to get there and still be within the
19 conditions of probation. But I sense, Ms. Thompson, a certain
20 resistance to, you know, the deep state, the Court, the
21 government, whatever, you know, still trying to control your
22 life in some way, instead of giving you the freedom to be who
23 you are and who you can be and, you know, annoying you with all
24 this monitoring, and have to pay restitution, and have to inform
25 probation whenever I do this, this, or this.

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1 And I'm not trying to micromanage your life, really, but I
2 do need you to meet me at least part of the way. You don't have
3 to say anything right now, talk to Ms. Tenney, get ready for the
4 September 7th thing, but I just wanted to deliver that message
10:05:45 5 to you, okay?

6 I'm not threatening to send you to jail or prison or
7 anything like that, I'm just asking you to -- so when you're
8 dealing with Officer Speckhals and she seems to you to be a
9 little unreasonable, try to impose my visage on her and treat
10:06:02 10 her as if you would be talking to me, okay?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I don't want to stop you from
13 saying anything that you want to say if you want to say
14 something now; it's up to you.

10:06:15 15 THE DEFENDANT: No. I wanted to say meeting you
16 halfway was something that I'd be happy to discuss. And I just
17 -- I -- it will just -- it will have to be a discussion, I'm
18 sure.

19 But if -- if you'd prefer, we can wait until September;
10:06:33 20 that's fine.

21 THE COURT: Yeah. I think it's a good idea for all of
22 us to think about it, wait a little bit.

23 And, you know, when I say "meet me halfway," I'm not going
24 to negotiate with you in court about it, but if you, you know,
10:06:50 25 say, hey, this computer-monitoring equipment costs this much

1 money, I have a job, give me a couple of weeks to earn the money
2 to put the computer monitoring on, that's the kind of thing I'd
3 be open to, okay? That kind of thing, all right?

4 All right. I'll see everybody on September 7th at 9:30 in
5 the morning.

6 Thank you.

7 We'll be adjourned.

8 THE CLERK: Please rise.

9 (Court adjourned 10:07 a.m.)

10 C E R T I F I C A T E

11 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from
12 the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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